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WHO TO CALL AT CITY HALL?

General Information
352-3675

Municipal Court
352-5977

Street Department
352-5818

Water Bills
352-2066

Library
352-3434

Park Improvements Nearing Completion

Robinson and Murphy Park improvements will be ready for summer activities for area families. Construction crews are hard at work adding playscapes, basketball courts, swings and parking lots at both parks.

Also, an added attraction in Murphy Park will be the continuation of the Hike & Bike Trail with a bridge over the lake linking the north and south sides. The bridge is to be delivered in mid-March.

Another amenity at Murphy Park will be the addition of an observation deck on the clear lake south of the earthen dam.

The parks are scheduled to be ready by the end of May, weather permitting.

Bridge Closure Now Set for March 17

The Texas Department of Transportation has revised the schedule to close the Mustang Creek bridge on Highway 95 South. The new date is March 17. Repairs to the bridge will require the closure for approximately eight days.

Traffic will be detoured at the South Carlos G. Parker Loop and at the Main Street and Second Street intersection. Local access to neighborhoods will be open but cannot cross the bridge.



Robinson Park playscape and basketball courts

Brush Pickup Reminder

City of Taylor utility customers who receive garbage service are entitled to once-a-week pickup of bundled brush or loose brush by complying with the following procedures.

All brush to be picked up should be cut to four foot lengths and placed at the curb the same day as regular garbage pickup. Brush may be bundled and tied for easy pickup. Up to five cubic yards of unbundled brush also will be picked up once a week. Five cubic yards is equivalent to four foot lengths stacked approximately four feet high and eight feet wide (4'x4'x8'). Bulk items such as mattresses, sofas and most household items also are picked up once a week.

For larger brush piles or construction materials, contact the service provider, IESI, toll free at 1-866-282-3508 for a free estimate. Property owners may be billed for the service on their utility bill.

The Taylor Public Library Turns One Year Old

March 31 is the one-year anniversary of the new Taylor Public Library and it has been a busy year. During its first year of operation, the library has recorded 89,201 visitors and circulated library materials of 75,341 to date. It maintains a collection of 35,842 books, DVDs, videos, etc.

The very popular Summer Reading Program hosted a total of 957 teens and children last year. Attendance at all the summer program events was 3,155 for about a two-month period. Other activities include Story Time each Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m., Monday Night Movies and special programs.

AARP Income Tax Assistance is available at the library to provide preparation assistance each year beginning in February before tax deadline. Annual tax forms are available each year. The library also maintains 14 public-use computers with Internet connections. Wireless connection also is available.

The Mission of the Taylor Public Library is to promote a life-long love of reading and educational, informational, and recreational resources to patrons of all ages and of economic backgrounds.

All residents are encouraged to visit the library and take advantage of the many programs that are available and come celebrate the First Year Birthday Party from 4-6 p.m. on March 31. For more information, contact 352-3434.

Spring Break at the Library

(for elementary school age children)
@ 2 p.m. each day

March 18
Kite Building Workshop

March 19
Disney Afternoon Movie

March 20
Origami Workshop

City Boards & Commissions

Applications are open for the following City Boards and Commissions:

Planning & Zoning Commission
Parks & Recreation Board
Moody Museum Board

Forms may be found online at www.ci.taylor.tx.us/government/boards and commissions>board application or may be picked up at City Hall.

City Calendar of Events for March

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| March 4 | Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm |
| March 6 | City Council special meeting @ 6 pm |
| March 11 | Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm |
| March 13 | City Council meeting @ 6 pm |
| March 17 | Moody Museum Board @ 5:30 pm |
| March 17 | Jt. Airport Zoning Board @ 6 pm |
| March 18 | Parks & Recreation Board @ 6 pm |
| March 18 | Library Board @ 6 pm |
| March 19 | Main Street Advisory Board @ 11:30 am |
| March 25 | City Council meeting @ 6 pm |
| March 27 | Airport Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm |

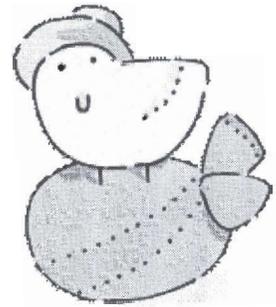
Agendas are posted at City Hall and at www.ci.taylor.tx.us.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt Will Be Downtown This Year!

The City of Taylor will sponsor its annual Easter egg hunt for Taylor youngsters, ages one through six, at 10 o'clock, Saturday morning, March 22, Heritage Square Park in downtown Taylor, located at 4th and Main Streets.

Two thousand colorful Easter eggs, each filled with a toy or candy, will be distributed in two areas of the park. Children will be divided into two age groups, ages one through three and ages four through six. All participants are to meet at the Gazebo by 9:45 a.m.. The hunt will begin promptly at 10 a.m.

Call 352-3463 for additional information.



City of Taylor offices and Library will be closed at 12 noon on Good Friday, March 21.

The Taylor Public Library also will be closed on Saturday.

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